

COMMENTS IN RESPONSE TO LOCALISM NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING MB DOCKET NO. 04-233

I submit the following comments in response to the Localism Notice of proposed Rulemaking (the NPRM), released January 24, 2008, in MB Docket No. 04-233.

1. It is unconstitutional to force religious radio stations and religious broadcasters to take advice from people who do not share the same values. K-Love radio stations (and other religious radio stations) answer to a higher standard while much of the world do not care about things like morals and ethics. This is in violation of The First Amendment. The FCC must not let this happen.
2. If a religious radio station is turned into a public forum it will no longer be a religious radio station. It will only be another smutty demoralizing and depressing radio station like so many we already have. The uplifting and encouraging aspect of the religious radio station will disappear and many whose stories tell us that it was the religious radio station that saved them from loss of hope and even suicide because of it's hope-filled messages will be GONE. The FCC must not let this happen.
3. I know that in religious radio, all decisions are made in a team environment with God as the team leader. All decisions are made in prayer. To force the revelation of specific editorial decision-making information is absurd. Apparently, whoever thought this one up has too much time on his/her hands and perhaps needs to get back to work. The FCC must stop this absurd action.
4. Again, this appears to be only an effort to ban Christian radio which, of course, would be unconstitutional. To make it so difficult to obtain licensure that many smaller radio stations would have to close entirely, is nothing short of tyranny. The FCC must not allow this to happen.
5. To dictate where a radio station can be located is ridiculous. Radio stations are not causing harm to anyone by their location, such as a strip club or bar might if located near an elementary school. Also, in this day of advanced technology, if a radio station can be unmanned in order to be cost efficient, again, where is the harm. Manufacturing plants are manned entirely by robots and these plants have the capability of exploding due to the type of work that goes on – but no one is trying to shut them down. Operating a radio station is already expensive enough without adding unwarranted costs. The FCC must stop this rule.

We urge the FCC NOT to adopt the rules, procedures or policies above. Thank you.

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